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1. [illegible] POINTS [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] PARTICULARS. AS NOTED REF, THESE INTENDED AS OPERATIONAL AID FOR ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION SOVIETS, AND AS MEANS SOW DOUBT RE REGIMES ABILITY DEAL WITH [illegible] [illegible]. ADDRESSEES SHOULD FOR [illegible] ALL [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] APPROPRIATE FOR OWN USE. REPORT RESULTS CONTACTS VIA OPS CHANNELS. HQS WILL SCREEN FOR VALID [illegible].

2. WESTERN PRESS (REUTERS VIENNA 16 NOV) REPORTED [illegible] BY WORKERS KRIVOI ROG. REASONS WERE BREAD SHORTAGE AND DEMAND FOR WAGE INCREASES [illegible] [illegible] FOOD COSTS. SINCE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOOD PRICE INCREASES TO DATE, ARE THEY BEING RAISED SECRETLY? WHAT ITEMS AFFECTED? BREAD PRICES BEING INCREASED? HOW MUCH? AS MUCH AS THIRTY PERCENT [illegible] [illegible] PRICES LAST YEAR? IF PRICES BEING RAISED, [illegible] FAILURE [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] GOVERNMENT [illegible] RIOTS SUCH AS LAST YEAR

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NOVOCHERKASSK WHEN MEAT AND MILK PRICES INCREASED?

3. KHRUSHCHEV IN FRENCH SPEECH SAID GRAIN CROP TWENTY PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR BUT MEAT SUPPLIES UP. IS LATTER RESULT EXTENSIVE DISTRESS SLAUGHTERING LIVESTOCK IN VIEW SEVERE FODDER SHORTAGE. KHRUSHCHEV ALSO SAID MILK PRODUCTION DOWN THIS YEAR. DOES THIS INDICATE EVEN MILK COWS BEING SLAUGHTERED DUE FODDER SHORTAGE?

4. IF FODDER IN SUCH SHORT SUPPLY WIDESPREAD SLAUGHTERING NECESSARY, WILL SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOLLOW HUNGARY EXAMPLE AND BUY FEED GRAINS ABROAD, IN ADDITION WHEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION?

5. KHRUSHCHEV SAID SOVIET CITIZENS STARVED 1947 WHILE GRAIN BEING [illegible], PRESUMABLY TO PAY FOR IMPORTS MACHINERY AND OTHER CAPITAL GOODS. COULD SITUATION BECOME THAT SERIOUS THIS YEAR? HAS OR WILL SOVIET GOVERNMENT PUT MORATORIUM ON ALL FOOD SHIPMENTS ABROAD, OR WILL IT CONTINUE SHIP FOOD EASTERN EUROPE AND CUBA AS IN PAST YEARS WHETHER HARVEST GOOD OR BAD?

6. WESTERN PRESS (REUTERS VIENNA 10 NOV) REPORTED SOVIET [illegible] [illegible] REFUSED LOAD BUTTER FOR CUBA. HAVE SALE SHIPMENTS BEEN STOPPED? KHRUSHCHEV SAID SUGAR SUPPLIES DOWN THIS YEAR IS [illegible]. SINCE USSR NORMALLY BUYS CUBAN

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[illegible] WILL [illegible] AS CLAIMED CONTINUE FOOD SHIPMENTS CUBA IN EXCHANGE REGARDLESS [illegible] AT HOME? [illegible] FOOD [illegible] HAS SENT FOOD PRODUCING EQUIPMENT [illegible] CUBA. WILL THESE SHIPMENTS CONTINUE OR WILL GOODS BE DIVERTED [illegible] NEW AGRICULTURAL EFFORT?

[illegible] CHEMICAL PROGRAM WILL BE TREMENDOUS DRAIN ON SOVIET ECONOMY, [illegible] SOVIET MILITARY POWER OR SLACKENING ECONOMIC GROWTH. THEREFORE WILL NOT CONSUMPTION SECTOR BEAR BRUNT THIS INVESTMENT? SINCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FERTILIZER, INSECTICIDES, HERBICIDES) LARGELY [illegible] FOOD AND FIBER [illegible], AND [illegible] TALKED OF INCREASING FOOD AND CLOTHING PRODUCTION THROUGH CHEMICAL PROGRAM, WILL NOT BRUNT OF REDUCED INVESTMENT FALL ON HOUSING, ONLY [illegible] CONSUMPTION SECTOR REMAINING? WILL NOT HOUSING CONSTRUCTION BE CUT SHARPLY OR ALMOST HALTED? BESIDES WILL NOT HOUSING PROBLEM BE INTENSIFIED BY INFLUX WORKERS TO MAN NEW CHEMICAL FACTORIES, MANY OF WHICH [illegible] OF AREAS WHERE LITTLE HOUSING NOW AVAILABLE?

8. IS KHRUSHCHEV DEMAND FOR CREDIT FROM WEST TO FINANCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM INDICATION SOVIET GOLD RESERVES AT MINIMUM LEVELS? IS THERE EFFORT IMPROVE [illegible] MINING [illegible] OR FIND NEW GOLD DEPOSITS TO PAY FOR MASSIVE IMPORTS?

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9. IF USSR RECEIVES LONG TERM CREDITS FROM WEST FOR CHEMICAL [illegible] AND [illegible] WILL, WHAT MEASURES BE TAKEN PAY BACK LOANS? WILL INVESTMENTS BE SOUGHT, [illegible] OTHER SOLUTION AT HAND?

10. PRIVATE PLOTS OF FARM WORKERS MOST PRODUCTIVE PART SOVIET AGRICULTURE, [illegible] ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT THEREIN WOULD RESULT LARGEST GAIN FOOD OUTPUT. WILL [illegible] FERTILIZER PRODUCED BE SOLD PEASANTS FOR USE ON PLOTS?

11. SOVIET GOVERNMENT MUST REALIZE FROM NEP PERIOD AND WESTERN EXPERIENCE, PLUS EXAMPLE OF [illegible] PRIVATE PLOTS SINCE 1930s THAT GIVING LAND TO PEASANTS WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY ASSURE ENOUGH FOOD FOR SOVIET POPULATION. NEITHER POLITICAL DISCOURAGEMENT IS NOT ANOTHER REASON THIS NOT BEING DONE FEAR OF [illegible] SUCH AS OCCURRED DURING NEP PERIOD. [illegible] INFLATION WOULD RESULT FROM OVERPRODUCTION ON FARMS, FOR WHICH NO CONSUMERS GOODS TO EXCHANGE? IS NOT STAGNANT AGRICULTURE AND POOR PEASANTRY ONE WAY HOLD DOWN DEMAND FOR CONSUMERS [illegible], WHICH [illegible] IN [illegible] SHORT SUPPLY, AND TO CONCENTRATE ON MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WITHOUT EXCESSIVE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES. [illegible] AGRICULTURE, WOULD SOVIET GOVERNMENT REALLY WANT PROSPEROUS PEASANTRY, [illegible] MILITARY POWER, FOREIGN AMBITIONS, ECONOMIC GROWTH?

12. [illegible] INCOME TEACHERS AND DOCTORS TOO LOW AND MUST

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[illegible] INCREASED. AGRICULTURAL WORKERS LOWEST PAID IN SOVIET UNION. DOES NOT GOVERNMENT ALSO BELIEVE THEIR INCOME TOO LOW AND MUST BE INCREASED?

13. CHEMICAL PROGRAM LATEST IN LONG SERIES PANACEAS, INCLUDING NEW LANDS, [illegible] PROGRAM, PLAN TO CATCH UP TO U. S. IN MEAT AND MILK OUTPUT, FALLOW LAND PLAN OF [illegible] PROGRAM AND OTHERS, ALL OF WHICH FAILED. EACH PROMISED ASSURED ABUNDANCE IN FUTURE. WILL SOVIET PEOPLE BE WILLING WAIT AGAIN, THIS TIME TILL 1970, WHILE LATEST PANACEA TESTED, OR THEIR PATIENCE AND HOPE EXHAUSTED? DO THEY BELIEVE GOVERNMENT SERIOUS IN PUTTING FORTH PROGRAM, OR THEY THINK IT JUST ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY REGIME GAIN TIME IN HOPE PROBLEM SOMEHOW DISAPPEAR?

14. MUCH OF SOVIET UNION TOO DRY FOR EFFECTIVE FERTILIZER UTILIZATION, ESPECIALLY GRAIN AREAS. WILL CONCOMITANT INVESTMENT IRRIGATION BE MADE SO FERTILIZER, IF AND WHEN PRODUCED, BE EFFECTIVELY USED? WHERE WILL INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR THIS COME FROM?

15. IN PLENUM SPEECH KHRUSHCHEV ONCE MORE TURNED TO LYSENKO AS EXAMPLE SCIENTIFIC PRACTITIONER. DOES THIS MEAN LYSENKO AND HIS THEORIES, COMPLETELY DISCREDITED BY AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS EVERYWHERE OUTSIDE BLOC, CONTINUE HAVE

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LLB-STALE MACSH AT PLOUGHING TIME, PECULIAR TYUTCHEV.

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